TWO LETTERS FROM ROTTERDAM.

Dated July 1. 4. *Stilo novo*, 1642.

Wherein is discovered a most Divelish and desperate designe contrived by the Lord *Digby*, Captaine *Hide*, Sir *Lewis Dives*, Mr. *Iermin*, Mr. *Percy*, and other Fugitive Traytors in those parts, against the Parliament of *England*.

With the names of the Ships, number of men, Armes, Ordnance, Bullets, Powder, and match, with other Ammunition now in readinesse, to be transported into the North.

Also,

The names of the most eminent Persons which are to come over in the aforesaid Ships.

And divers other matters of extraordinary note and Consequence.

Read in both Houses of Parliament,
John Brown, *Clericus Parliamem.*

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Worſhipfull Sir,

Since my laſt *Per* poſt, many things of conſequence have come to my hands. The Ship *Providence* of the Kings, with the *Lyon*, which brought over the Ladies of honour to the Queene, bring over for the North parts of *England*, all theſe Gentlemen mentioned within the incloſed, with three or foureſcore more; It is thought here, they goe for *Newcaſtle*, ſome of Prince *Roberts* men, told me, they were bound for *Yorke*, they are all deſperate in their way, that whoſoever they meet with, if they oppoſe them, to fight it out to the laſt man.

The *Lyon* hath 42. Guns, the *Providence* hath 14. and is to take in two more, which we know of, now being within one mile of *Rotterdam*, they are 12. foot long, and ſhoot a Bullet of 44 *l.* weight, every one there is fearefull of a deſperate deſigne upon the premiſes, you may pleaſe not to harbour any thought of faithfulneſſe in the Officers of the *Lyon*, for we have certaine intelligence of the truth hereof, I my ſelfe went to the *Helleſpot* Sluce, and ſaw Cavaliers there, and going thither, ſome whereof told me, that they went in the Ship, and named all the incloſed; We cannot yet heare of any further pawning of the Jewels, yet all men thinke they have gotten much money upon them, for they have provided all ſorts of Armes of prooſe, and others: Some that had Piſtols to make at *Haghe*, could not get them done, till all their work was done, which now is finiſhed, and they be all for a wind: much of their Baggage being laden at *Brill*, a board the

Providence, and at *Hellsford* Sluce a board the *Lyon*, the Scout of *Gruning*, a small Towne neere *Rotterdam*, told one of this Town, that Prince *Robert*, hath hired a Boyer to carry horse for *England*, the Scout is the only Master of Horses in these parts.

One *Isaack Light* a Merchant of the Company, hath bought 15000. weight of Powder, and is now gon to *Utrech* to buy match; all which presently to be shipt for *England*. They give out, it is for the Parliament, and by their Order. This Merchant, late Factor for Master *Christofer Tomlins* Merchant of *London*, and *Thomas Ashton*, servant to Master *Laurence Halsted* of *London*, hath shipt here 38. cases of Armes, being but the remainder of 700. cases, for which they obtained lycence to ship here, and at *Amsterdam*; we are informed that the greatest part of those are shipt, in 3 Flemish Boyers or Hoyes, now lying for a wind at the Tassell; this information we had of one of the Custome house in *Rotterdam*, upon occasion of a Merchants sight of the warrant. Yesterday a Jewell was sent to *Rotterdam* from the *Haghe*, valewed at 40000. Guilders, by a Jeweller here. Master *Percy*, Master *Iermin*, Master *W. Mountogue*, and Master *Davenant*, came into the *Haghe* this day sevennight, at 12. a clocke at night in the Queenes Coach, and with her Footmen. These are all that for present I shall write, but shall informe you more by word of mouth, if I can get passage one way or other. Thus with my humble service remembred, I take my leave and rest,

Yours to command.

Of all these we have sufficient proofe,

Rotterdam primo Iuly, 1642.
Stilo novo.

In one white of *Dover*, ketch there are many Fats of Match,

Match, with other proviſſon of war. I hope to be with you before this Letter.

Of the moſt materiall of theſe particulars, by the advice of Friends, I have informed the Earle of *Warwick* by this bearer, the 38. caſes are ſhipt aboard on *Rich. Lindall*, a *Hull* man, laden for *London*.

The Contents of the incloſed note.

Prince *Robert*. Prince *Maurice*. Lord *Denby*. Lord *Digby*. *Oneale* that Traytor. Captaine *Hide*. Sir *Lewis Dives*, Colonell *Wilſon* ſent for out of *Germany* with very many other Gentlemen and Comanders, and is credibly knowne, that they haue all ſorts of Armes for horſe, and that in great quantity, there being a great Hoy or Boyer a Dutchman hyred and paid the freight before hand, to carry the Armes and Prouiſion that Prince *Robert*, and the reſt from the Haghe haue made for their Tranſportation into the North, and is vndertaken, that this Boyer ſhall be conveyed aſwell home, as out.

worſh pfull Sir;

I Wrote to you on Tueſday laſtby a Merchant that had a Paſſe to come over land, but leaſt that ſhould not come to hand, though little hath hapned here ſince, I cannot omit this Poſt. The ſhip Lyon that brought over Ladies of Honour, is now fitted to tranſport into *England* P. *Robert* Prince *Maurice*, Lord *Digby*, Lord *Denby*, Collonell *Cockeram*, Captaine *Hyde*. *Oneale*, Sir *Lewis Dives*, with 80 or 90 Cavaleeres more; they have fitted themſelves with armour of prooſe, and all other accoutrements of warre, they have beene very merry, and have drunke many healths to their good voyage, and in their cups have made divients of the Parliament mens lands; they are very jocund, and were all aboard yeſterday morning, the wind being then faire, but held but a little ſpace, and now blowes very hard; ſo that God hath now ſtayed them. The Providence that lyes at Brill, is to take in divers of them; ſhee hath taken in much of their luggadge, with two great Gunnes, each 12 foot long, and ſhoot a bullet of 44 pounds. Alſo the Lyon at Helleford ſluce hath taken in much luggadge, there are 3 Boyes or Hoyes lying at Taſſell, laden with arms and 38 Caſes of armour ſhipped in *Richard Lyndall* of Hull, bound for London, I heare they be all muſkets; and there are in that ſhip 700 Corſlets, beſides

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this, I was tould by one whoſe ſonne ſits in the Cuſtomehouſe, all theſe ſhipped here by a warrant which they had obtained for 700 Caſes which a Merchant in this Towne ſaw and tould, hee beſides one of the Cuſtomehouſe did confeſſe it true. They give out diverſe reports of ſtaying of armes, and of their declining their voyage. But wee knowing their endeavour to worke with all deceivablenesſe, think them only tricks to confound our intelligence; for wee ſee ſuch as are laden here; are not ſtayed. Indeed for certaine the States Generall have given out a warrant of ſtay for armes; But ſo they did when all the armes provided againſt the Scots were tranſported; the Officers are corrupted. There is a Boyer lying within a mile of this Towne to bee fraughted with horſe for P. *Robert*, a Merchant of this Towne ſaw the Shippers Charter party, which is, that he carry them to what part ſhall be appointed by him betweene Dover and Newcaſtle; The Prince undertakes his ſafe-convoy out, and home, and *Iſaack Light* a Merchant of the Company here, hath bought 600 pound worth of pouder, and much match, where it is ſhipped, we cannot yet heare, they worke with much privacy. Monday laſt, there came a jewell from the Hage valewed at 40000 Guilders by the Jewellers, they were offered 10000 Guilders upon it, but would not, and ſo it was returned againe. We cannot heare of any further pawning of the jewels, nor where they be, Maſter *Webſter* went with Sir *William Boſwell* to the Queene Monday laſt. Tueſday laſt was ſevenight at 12 a clocke in the night Maſter *Piercy*, Maſter *Germyn*, Maſter *W. Montague*, and *Davenant*, came into the Hage with the Queenes

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Coach, and Footmen, this I was told by one Maſter The Cavaleers doe boaſt: that having a ſhip of 40 peeces of Ordnance, and another of 16 Peeces, that will fight till they ſinke, if any oppoſe them, this is the reſolution of Captaine *Strachin* Captaine of the Providence; yeſterday at Helleford Sluce arrived *Guſtavus Horne* with the happy entrance of the King, I hope the Captaine of her, will not doe as the Captaine of the Lyon; This being all of any moment that we heare here, I humbly take my leave and reſt,

Yours to command.

Rotterdam the 4 of
July 1642.
Stilo novo.

FINIS.